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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is the Response To Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application.

- (X) Request For Corrected Filing Receipt.
- (X) Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement; Form PTO-1449 with nine (9) references.
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

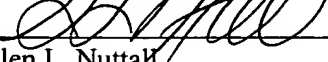
In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed by the Office on November 29, 2002 in connection with the above-captioned application, Applicants elect to proceed with examination on the merits of the invention identified by the Examiner as Group I, drawn to Claims 1-26. The Examiner further required the Applicants to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Applicants elect the Species labeled "2" by the Examiner in the Examiner's discussion of Group I.

At least Claims 1, 2 and 5-26 are readable on Species 2.

Respectfully submitted,

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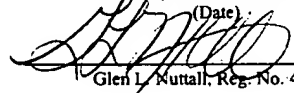
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ATTENTION: BOX MISSING PARTS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application Under 37 CFR 1.53(f),
which was mailed by the Office on September 10, 2001, enclosed are:

- (X) An executed Declaration by Inventors.
- (X) An extension of time to respond for 1 month is hereby requested.

Time Extension Fee:

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| (X) | one month | (\$55 small entity) |
| () | two months | (\$200 small entity) |
| () | three months | (\$460 small entity) |

- (X) The present application qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
- (X) A Notice to File Missing Parts.

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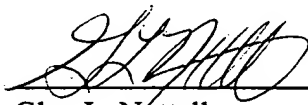
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(X) Fees as calculated below:

FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (LARGE ENTITY)	1 months	\$ 55
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TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS		\$ 120
TOTAL FEES SUBMITTED HEREWITH		\$ 120

(X) A check in the amount of \$120 to cover the above fees is enclosed.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, now or in the future, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 11-1410.



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